ATTACHMENT 5

Examples of requests for prior authorization for outpatient mental health and substance abuse services

Examples of new requests for prior authorization before and after the implementation of the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) are illustrated below.

For example, if both of the following are true:		Then use the following:		
Date of receipt	Requested start date	Prior authorization (PA) forms and instructions	Codes	
9/1/03	9/30/03	Pre-HIPAA PA forms and instructions	Pre-HIPAA nonmedical codes.Pre-HIPAA medical codes.	
9/30/03	10/14/03	Pre-HIPAA PA forms and instructions	Pre-HIPAA nonmedical codes.Pre-HIPAA medical codes.	
10/14/03	11/1/03	Revised PA forms and instructions	National nonmedical codes.National medical codes.	

For the following examples, the services to be performed are psychotherapy services performed by a psychologist in an office setting.

For example, if both of the following are true:		Then use the following:					
Date of receipt	Requested start date	PA forms and instructions	Procedure code	Modifier(s)	Place of service code	Type of service code	
9/1/03	9/30/03	Pre-HIPAA PA forms and instructions	90847 90845	None	3 3	9	
9/30/03	10/14/03	Pre-HIPAA PA forms and instructions	90847 90845	None	3 3	9	
10/14/03	11/1/03	Revised PA forms and instructions	90847 90845	HP HP	11 11	None	

For the following examples, the services to be performed are substance abuse services performed by a Master's-level psychotherapist in an office setting.

For example, if both of the following are true:		Then use the following:					
Date of receipt	Requested start date	PA forms and instructions	Procedure code	Modifier(s)	Place of service code	Type of service code	
9/1/03	9/30/03	Pre-HIPAA PA forms and instructions	W8968 W8969 W8970	None	3 3 3	1 1 1	
9/30/03	10/14/03	Pre-HIPAA PA forms and instructions	W8968 W8969 W8970	None	3 3 3	1 1 1	
10/14/03	11/1/03	Revised PA forms and instructions	H0022 H0005 T1006	HO HO HO	11 11 11	None	